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In re Letters Patent of:

C. T. Caskey

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Issued: December 10, 1996

For: MULTIPLEX GENOMIC DNA

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REQUEST FOR RETRACTION OF CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.323

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the Certificate of Correction that was issued on December 30, 2003 in the above-identified patent application be retracted. The Certificate of Correction filed in this case was filed in error.

Further, the Line 4, insert (This invention was made with government support under Grant No. R22 DK35369 awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The United States Government may have certain rights in the invention) which was added to this patent in error—should be removed from this patent.

Applicants also respectfully request that Account No. 06-2375 be credited the amount of \$100.00 due to the error in filing a Certificate of Correction in this case.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due with this filing. However if Applicants, are in error, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 08803159.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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